

## Corona Virus and Our Allotments

**The latest government directive tells everyone to help protect the NHS by staying at home, only leaving for essential medicines and food. Legislation is planned to implement this. Daily exercise can be taken outside once each day and tending our allotments should come within this guideline.**

We are anxious to enable plot holders to continue to enjoy working their plots so as soon as we possibly can, we will be introducing some further measures within the allotment sites to contain the risk of cross infection. This virus is highly contagious and must be taken seriously. Mostly you will be staying on your plot keeping your bugs to yourself and keeping away from others'. However, there are areas we all normally would touch:

**GATES:** The bolts on the gates will be disabled so no one needs to touch them. Open the gate with your key, push or pull it with your elbow or foot if you need to. **DO NOT TOUCH THE GATE.**

**TAPS: Do not touch the taps** – metal retains viral contamination. You can use the dipping tanks for water. Best to raise your seedlings at home.

**COMMUNAL WHEEL-BARROWS, SHOVELS and POTS:** These will be removed.

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### **SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

- We now know to keep at least 2 metres (7 feet) distance apart. If you share your plot with someone you do not live with you should come to your plot at different times.
- If it is difficult to sustain a 2metre distance with your plot neighbour, negotiate different times to come to your plots.

**TOILETS:** These are closed.

**STORE:** This is now closed until further notice.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** If you normally come to your plot by public transport this is **not permissible**. Please let us know so we will understand if your plot is not up to its usual standard.

**PLOT INSPECTIONS:** These are suspended until further notice.

The Committee feel it is very important for our mental health and for exercise to continue allotmenting. We need to do and show we have done everything possible to contain risk of spreading this highly contagious virus in order to preserve this privilege we all enjoy. Please use your trip to the allotments as your "exercise a day".